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The Honorable Richard Helms
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Helms:

I am writing to request some information regarding the cash subsidies received by many organizations and individuals from your agency in its efforts to combat world-wide communism. I would appreciate your answers to these questions as soon as possible.

(1) Was there any money allocated by the CIA to student groups before 1952? A Frederick Houghteling (sp?), now serving as an attorney for CAB, claims he received \$12,000 in 1950 when he was executive secretary for the National Students Association.

(2) Were any of your agency's funds used for personal needs of American delegates to the various youth festivals? If funds were used in this manner, do you have a detailed accounting of such funds and the manner in which they were spent?

(3) In general, how many delegates were aware of the source of funds for their travel? If some delegates were aware, could you name them and their position with NSA at the time? In signing the oath, were any hesitant or did any refuse to do so in order to acquire these funds?

(4) In what activities were these students asked to participate by the agency? What elements of intelligence information were requested by the agency to be gathered by the students?

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(5) Did the agency note any changes in NSA programming at that time? To your knowledge, were any particular projects vetoed as a direct outgrowth of the cold war?

(6) How many, if any, of the student leaders continued their career working directly or indirectly for the agency? Did any of these individuals continue their involvement and participation in youth organizations after joining the agency?

(7) Did former student leaders who became employed by the agency ever exert any influence in the selection of the officers and staff of the NSA or in the selection of NSA delegates to world festivals or conferences?

(8) To your knowledge, were any changes in policy declarations of the NSA ever due to agency influence?

(9) Were military obligations of students working for the agency ever deferred during their terms of employment? Did any former student leaders actually avoid military service by working for the agency?

(10) When did the agency first consider terminating these subsidies?

Your assistance in answering these questions as thoroughly and as fully as possible would be appreciated.

Sincerely,


Donald E. Lukens

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